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INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2617–2644; and 1 private bill, H.R. 2645, were introduced. **Pages H4072–73**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4073**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 298, providing for consideration of H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H.Rept. 109–97). **Page H4072**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative MILLER of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3897**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Father Val J. Peter, Executive Director, Girls and Boys Town USA in Boys Town, Nebraska. **Page H3897**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005: The House passed H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 222. **Pages H3912–H4046**

Rejected the Taylor of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 221. **Pages H4044–46**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill, and that the amendment be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H4044**

Pursuant to the rule, Representative Hunter requested that the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 109–96 be considered out of order: Goode (#20), Davis of Virginia (#24), Davis of California

(#12), Hunter (#1), Stearns (#6), Bradley (#29), and Woolsey (#26). **Page H3912**

Agreed to:

En bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 109–96: Ortiz (#2) directing the Secretary to submit to the congressional defense committees a sustainment plan for the existing MHC–51 class mine countermeasures ships; Kaptur (#3) requiring the DOD to conduct a study on the use of bio-diesel and ethanol fuels by the Armed Forces and Defense Agencies; Simmons (#7) lifting the age 60 requirement for Space-A travel by National Guard and Reserve retirees; Filner (#10) requiring a study to determine if it is feasible for DOD to allow veterans with a service connected disability rating of 50% or higher access to Space-A travel; DeLauro, (#13) as modified, requiring the DOD to revise its mental health evaluations for pre- and post-deployment of servicemembers to combat theaters; Manzullo (#15) codifying the content requirements of the Buy American Act as stated in Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Crowley (#21) expressing the sense of Congress that recognizes the diversity of the men and women of our Armed Services killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; Spratt (#28) as modified, adding war-related reporting requirements for tracking costs, military personnel force levels, reconstitution requirements, and military construction projects associated with operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and enhanced security operations at home; Simmons (#18) encouraging the DOD to buy Lithium-Ion cells and batteries, and associated manufacturing technologies that are made in America; and Israel (#25) making permanent the pilot “Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation Defense Education Program” and include within its purview the study of foreign languages.

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Goode amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to assign members of the Armed Forces, under certain

circumstances and subject to certain conditions, to assist the Department of Homeland Security in the performance of border protection functions (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 214);

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Jo Ann Davis of Virginia amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that clarifies federal law regarding support for youth organizations by the federal government (by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 16 noes, Roll No. 215);

Pages H4006–09, H4016–17

Hunter manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that amends United States Code to extend veteran's preference; modifies section 574 of the bill relating to women in the Armed Forces, adds funding for supersonic cruise missile engines; and establishes a memorial to the USS *Oklahoma* (by a recorded vote of 428 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 217);

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Enbloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 109–96: Stark (#4) instructing the GAO to submit a report to Congress on criminal violations in military recruiting practices; Strickland (#5) adding "information concerning the availability of mental health services" to what is already required to be communicated in benefit counseling sessions to those in the armed forces who are separating from active duty; Slaughter (#8) authorizing annual funding for training and resources for the DOD to better respond to incidences of sexual assault; Reichert (#9) requiring the GAO to study the difficulties faced by our National Guard and Reserve Personnel in gaining re-employment once returning from duty; Menendez (#11) requiring the GAO to prepare a report on compensation and benefits for reserve component members; Bishop (#14) requiring a study of effectiveness of self administered pre- and post-deployment exams; Andrews (#16) as modified, requiring the DOD to include a provision in their contracts with all defense contractors prohibiting them from requiring licenses and fees from businesses that manufacture, distribute, or sell models and model kits; Blunt (#17) requiring DOD to establish the employment of National Guard and Reserve Personnel as an evaluation factor in the awarding of defense contracts; Matheson (#22) prohibiting the DOD from destroying historical fallout records; and Hostettler (#23) amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to admit Afghan and Iraqi nationals who serve U.S. forces as interpreters;

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Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. should cooperate with Russia on missile defense; and

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Stearns amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that expresses the sense of Congress that

any college or university that denies equal access or discriminate against ROTC programs or military recruiters should be denied certain Federal taxpayer support (by a recorded vote of 336 ayes to 92 noes, Roll No. 218).

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Rejected:

Davis of California amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that sought to lift the current ban on privately funded abortions at U.S. military facilities overseas (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 216);

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Bradley amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that sought to postpone the BRAC recommendations until one year after certain actions occur (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 219); and

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Woolsey amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 109–96) that sought to express the sense of Congress that the President should develop a plan for the withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Iraq (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 220).

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 293, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 213, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 212.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005: H.R. 2566, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4047.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3911, H3911–12, H4016, H4017, H4017–18, H4018, H4041–42, H4042–43, H4043, H4045–46, and H4046. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—NATIONAL FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to Review National Forest Land Management Planning. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: David Tenny, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Frederick Norbury, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

U.S. BOXING COMMISSION ACT; DRUG FREE SPORTS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1065, United States Boxing Commission Act; and H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports Act.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on a Review of Community Health Centers: Issues and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Elizabeth M. Duke, Health Resources and Services Administration; and Dennis Smith, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1461, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005.

TAXPAYER PAPERWORK—INCREASING BURDEN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Less is More: The Increasing Burden of Taxpayer Paperwork." Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

AGRO-TERRORISM THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Evaluating the Threat of Agro-Terrorism." Testimony was heard from Joseph W. Reardon, Food Administrator, Food and Drug Protection Division, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State of North Carolina; and a public witness.

NORTHERN IRELAND—PEACE PROCESS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on Northern Ireland: Prospects for the Peace Process. Testimony was heard from Mitchell B. Reiss, Special Envoy of the President and Secretary of State for the Northern Ireland Peace Process, Department of State.

LATIN AMERICA—TRANSPARENCY AND RULE OF LAW

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Transparency and Rule of Law in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean, U. S. Agency for International Development; Jonathan D. Farrar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Otto J. Reich, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 800, amended, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; H.R. 420, amended, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005; H. R. 554, amended, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; and H. J. Res. 10, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

MARSHALL ISLANDS—U.S. NUCLEAR LEGACY

Committee on Resources, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the Committee on International Relations held a joint oversight hearing entitled "The United States Nuclear Legacy in the Marshall Islands: Consideration of Issues Relating to the Changes Circumstances Petition." Testimony was heard from Howard Krawitz, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Steven V. Cary, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Energy; Andre Bouville, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of The Republic of the Marshall Islands: Gerald